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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO CONNECTION AT PDCPC

APRIL 2019

WORSHIP

The month of April finds us in the season of Lent, where each week of worship (services on Sundays at 8:00am, 9:00am & 10:30am) will help us prepare our hearts for Easter. As we enter Holy Week we hope you will join us in worship on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter! Invite a friend to join you.

// For more information on events related to music & worship, visit page 3.

GROW

Our hope is that every member of the PDCPC congregation is a part of one of our mid-week “growth” opportunities. We have Bible studies for men & women; large & small groups; mixed groups, home groups, Sunday school classes... there is truly something for everyone!

// For more information on steps you can take to grow in your relationship with God and with others visit page 4.

SERVE

There are so many opportunities to get more involved in serving our community and around the world with one of our mission partners!

// For more information on how you can serve others here and around the world visit page 1.

a note from your pastors

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WEEK MAKES!

As we approach Holy Week, also known as Passion Week, it is important to remember what a difference this week made and continues to make.

Passion Week is the time from Palm Sunday through Easter (Resurrection) Sunday. From Holy Monday, to Holy Tuesday, Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday we are reminded of Christ's passion, by His willingness to take up the cross in order to pay for the sins of His people. Passion Week is described in Matthew, chapters 21-27; Mark, chapters 11-16; Luke, chapters 19-24 and John chapters 12-19. It begins with the triumphal entry on Palm Sunday on the back of a colt as prophesied in Zechariah 9:9.

Passion Week contains many memorable events: Jesus cleaned the Temple for the second time (Luke 19:45-46), then disputed with the Pharisees regarding His authority. Then He gave his Olivet Discourse on the end time, and taught many things, including the signs of the second coming. On Maundy Thursday He ate His Last Supper and final Communion with His disciples in the upper room (Luke 22:7-38), then went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray as He waited for His hour to come. It was here that Jesus, having been betrayed by Judas, was arrested and taken to several sham trials before the chief priests, Pontius Pilate, and Herod (Luke 22:54-23:25).

Following the trials, He was scourged at the hands of the Roman soldiers, then was forced to carry His own instrument of execution (the Cross) through the streets of Jerusalem along what is known as the Via Dolorosa (way of sorrows). He was then crucified at Golgotha on Friday, the day before the Jewish Sabbath, was buried and remained in the tomb until Sunday, the day after the Jewish Sabbath, and then gloriously rose on that most sacred Sunday, Easter. Halleluiah, Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed!!

worship & music

WORSHIP NOTES

Join us on Sundays at 8:00am, 9:00am & 10:30am every week as we gather to connect with God and to prepare our hearts for Easter.

April 7th - Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Paul Borden

April 14th - PALM SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the start of Holy Week.

Academy children will sing at the 10:30 service.

*Note: this month's celebration of the Lord's Supper (Communion) will take place at the Maundy Thursday service since it falls during Holy Week this year. We hope you will join us!

**See page 4 for Palm Sunday activities

April 18th – MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, 7:30pm

Holy Week is about so much more than the high of Palm Sunday and the Victory of Easter... make sure you join us on Maundy Thursday as we share in the last supper, remember the betrayal of Jesus, and wrestle with the sorrow of his death. Communion will be served at this service.

April 21st – EASTER SUNDAY

6:00am Outdoor Sunrise service

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM Traditional Celebration Services

Special Children's Programming at 9:00AM & 11:00AM services

SUNDAY CHOIR

Do you share our value of reverent worship, and love to sing? You're invited to join the choir! Rehearsals take place weekly on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Contact Julie Anderson with any questions at juliea@pdpresby.org.

PALM SUNDAY

Join us on April 14th for our **Intergenerational Palm Sunday Festival**. All ages are welcome to join us for a BBQ and potluck lunch, games and crafts after the 10:30 service. During our 10:30 service, our Academy and Sunday school children will be singing an Easter song. Please bring a dish to share with our church family:

FOR THE POTLUCK ON SUNDAY—IF YOUR:

- Last name begins with: A - G
Bring a Salad or Side Dish
- Last name begins with: H - L
Bring a Dessert
- Last name begins with: M - R
Bring an Entree
- Last name begins with : S - Z
Bring a Salad or Side Dish

Any questions, contact Gerry Neighbors
gerryn@pdpresby.org.

GET CONNECTED

Do we have your email address?
Keep yourself in the know for church events!!
Email sarab@pdpresby.org to have you name added to our weekly email list.

Are you new or newer to PDCPC?
Please visit our welcome table or contact Kathy Aposhian, Director of Connections. At kathya@pdpresby.or or 760-346-8195 x 530

church *on* wednesday

The Paul Lorenzini series continues until May 1st!

“On Being Christian in 21st Century America”

Series dates: March 27th, April 3, April 10, April 17 and May 1.
Dinner at 5:30pm, Lecture at 6:15pm in Miller Hall.

What are the challenges of living a Christian life in our modern age? How do we face them? From the claim that Christianity is intellectually indefensible, to the charge it has been disproven by science, to the popular notion that all spiritual paths lead to the same “God” and that Christians are intolerant and judgmental to believe the Christian God is the “one true God,” Christians today find their faith challenged and face cultural hurdles in sharing their faith with others. We will explore these challenges by seeking to understand their origins in Western history and, in the process, reclaim the power and legitimacy of the Christian God for our modern times. This lecture series will be taught by Paul Lorenzini. (visit our website for a full bio!). For more info contact ryans@pdpresby.org

WOMEN’S MINISTRY ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP TEA

Thursday, May 2nd 2:00pm – 4:00pm \$32

“Amanda’s Tea Room & Boutique”, on 111 next to Keedeys this is a tea, NOT a full luncheon. Signups will be on Sundays the month of April. Call Diane Arneal at 760 200-9812 or Kathy Kolb at 760 564-5904 for any questions or to sign up.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

This month has been combined with the Women's Ministries Annual Tea on Thursday, May 2nd. Lunch Bunch will resume the end of May.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Every Sunday in Eisenhower Library | 9:00am & 10:30am.
All are welcome as we continue our study in the Gospel of Mark and the Gospel of Luke!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAYS 7:00pm – 8:00pm

A year round men's Bible study at Bermuda Dunes C.C.
All men are welcome. For more information contact Roger Low at (760) 345-8986.

WEDNESDAYS 7:30am - 8:30am

Mountain/Dunes Clubhouse in Santa Rosa Cove, La Quinta.
We are studying the Book of Acts. We hope you will join us.
Call Stu Parry at 330-472-1704 for info.

EARLY BIRDS MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets at 6:00 am in the church library.

For more information, call Lloyd Macfadyen 760-346-9769

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Now on Tuesdays!

10:00am - 11:30am in the Eisenhower Library.

This "old-fashion" Bible study on the book of Genesis is led by Joanne Brechbill. Just bring your Bible and yourself!

Contact Kathy Kolb 760-564-5904 or email

desert4nana@aol.com with any questions.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY, "CBS"

All women of the Church are invited to attend an in-depth Interdenominational Community Bible Study (CBS)

Wednesday mornings from 10:00am-12:00pm. Children are welcome as well! We will be studying the Book of Revelation. Registration fees: Adults \$35; Children (infants to age 18) \$10; scholarships are available. For more information or to register, please contact Corky Olander or 760-200-3120 or mc.olander2@verizon.net.

FAMILY MINISTRY

For questions about any of our current or upcoming activities, feel free to contact our Director of Family Ministries, Ryan Schmall at ryans@pdpresby.org.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Ages 2 – 5th Grade)

SUNDAY SCHOOL –Children begin in the Sanctuary at the 9:00am and 10:30am worship service with their families and then are dismissed to continue their worship in Sunday School. Following the worship service, parents pick up their children in Room 205/206. Questions? Contact Gerry Neighbors at gerryn@pdpresby.org or 760.346.8195 x532. Nursery care is available for children under 2 years of age.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | 5:30pm – 7:15pm.

Children ages birth- 5th grade are invited to join us for dinner, teaching, games, music and crafts every Wednesday night!

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY:

Children's Sunday School 9 & 10:30

9:00am service, dismissal within service

10:30 service: Children's palm procession and singing, children dismissed to Sunday school after singing. Meet at the Garrard Courtyard at 10:15am.

6th – 12th grade will begin in the Sanctuary at 9am.

EASTER:

Sunday School available 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am. Drop off prior to the service in Miller Hall. Ages 2-5th grade. Nursery open for 0-2 years old.

6th – 12th grade will not meet.

Questions? Contact Gerry Neighbors at gerryn@pdpresby.org or 760.346.8195 x532.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

“Deeper Roots” 9:00am in Room 108/109. An environment for students to dig into challenging questions that are designed to deepen their faith. Students begin with worship service in the Sanctuary and then are dismissed to the Student Ministry Room. On Communion Sundays students are to remain in the worship

service with their families.

No Roots on Easter, April 21st.



SUNDAY NIGHTS- ROOTS

5:00pm-6:30pm. Room 108/109

A space designed for students to connect with others and enter into conversation about faith, no matter where they're at on their journey with Christ. No Roots on Easter, April 21st.

SUMMER ADVENTURES

ATTENTION PARENTS: NOW ENROLLING

SPROUTS Questions? Contact Gerry Neighbors at gerryn@pdpresby.org or 760.346.8195 x532.

SPROUTS CLUBHOUSE SUMMER FUN

This FREE summer camp runs July 10th-August 7th, on our church campus from 10:00 – 2:00pm for ages 2 (potty trained) through 5th grades.

OVERNIGHT CAMP

Forest Home Village Camp

July 28th-August 2nd and is specifically designed for students entering 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade.

SUMMER ADVENTURES (Continued) **ROOTS STUDENT MINISTRY (Grades 6-12)**

To register or for more info, contact Ryan at
ryans@pdpresby.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVENTURE

June 20-23 - \$350 - entering 6th-8th Grade

Our middle school students will be embarking on an adventure this Summer to Orange County. There, they'll be thinking together about discovering God in every day life as they hit up some of the most exciting things Orange County has to offer. We'll be spending the week connecting deeper to God and one another. Plus, we may be going somewhere pretty magical.

DESTINATION: UNKNOWN

July 18-22 - \$350 - 9th-12th Grade

Our high school students will be going on another adventure into the unknown this Summer! Students who sign up don't get to know anything about where they're going or what might be in store for them (kinda like life sometimes). Instead, they're invited to strap themselves in and see what kind of adventure God has in store for them as they learn how to trust more in Him. Oh, and parents, don't worry, you get to know where we're going!

ALL CHURCH BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 23rd, from 11:00am – 12noon Eisenhower Library

Jean Willrich will lead the discussion of our April book "Mister Pip" by Lloyd Jones. This book is based on "Great Expectations" and should be a joy to read.

Remember you are always welcome to bring a friend.

This will be our last meeting of the season so bring a book you would recommend next year.

Any questions, call Marilyn Smythe at 760-424-6132

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SERVE MINISTRY

Serve Ministry at our church is made up of a number of caring ministries.

- **PASTORS** Dave and Floyd are always available for visits, counseling, spiritual support and loving pastoral care.
- **DEACONS** provide a compassionate ministry to meet short term needs and includes Care Day, Deacon's Grant Fund. Contact Sharin Orr at 760-668-5952 or sharinorr1@aol.com
- **STEPHEN MINISTRY** is a relational ministry for people who are experiencing loss or who find themselves in a time of crisis. Contact Debbie Smith 303-249-5553 or dsmith@happybuffalos.com or Joan Larsen 760-346-5215 or joanmlarsen@sbcglobal.net
- **GRIEFSHARE** is a support ministry for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Contact Kim Kershaw 951-515-4002 or KimKershaw@me.com
- **SENIOR MINISTRY TEAM** is an outreach ministry to those who, due to physical limitations, are unable to attend church programs. Contact Harry Wilson at 951-805-4901 or HWilson3142@yahoo.com.
- **EISENHOWER CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM** meets the spiritual needs of patients and their families. Contact Barbara White at BarbaraWhite@dc.rr.com.

If you are looking for an opportunity to participate in a SERVE ministry – Stephen Ministry, Local Missions, International Missions, etc. Please contact Kathy Aposhian in the Church Office 760-346-8195 x530.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The **Mission of Stephen Ministries** is summed up in Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

"To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13

For more information about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Debbie Smith 303-249-5553.

If you are going through a difficult time and need a listening, non-judgmental person with a caring heart to walk alongside you, contact Stephen Ministry Leader Joan Larsen at 760-346-5215, or joanmlarsen@sbcglobal.net.

APRIL STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION – open to all in congregation and community

Monday, April 8th at 5 p.m. in Eisenhower Library.

“How to Care for a Loved One with Alzheimer’s”

Speakers: Jack Poyfair, LVN Patricia Riley, MBA

Our presenters are:

Jack Poyfair, LVN, for the past 15 years has been the Executive Director of Vista Cove at Rancho Mirage.

Patricia Riley joined Vista Cove in August 2018 as the Director of Community Relations and Marketing. Prior to this position, Pat was the marketing director for the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation West Region, which included three Betty Ford Centers in California and two Hazelden facilities in Oregon.

Jack and Pat will provide an overview of Alzheimer's and Dementia (A/D), update on current research about A/D, how to communicate with someone with A/D and resources available for the caregiver. This is a program not to be missed.

DEACONS' CLOSET

Every Tuesday from 8:30am – 11:30am.

We are here to connect with those from our community facing difficult times to love, listen, and to help however we can.

Please help us by stocking our Deacons' Closet!

This month we need: cake mix, coffee, sugar, cocoa mix, cereal, rice, cup of noodles, pancake mix, syrup, stewed tomatoes, and towels. Please no expired foods.

Items may be dropped off at any time in the church office. The next curbside collection is April 14th.

SONGSHINE CONCERT

April 6th at 2pm

You are invited to a concert version of MY FAIR LADY on Saturday, April 6, 2 pm in the PDCPC Sanctuary performed by SongShine Singers and Players. You will be inspired by their talent and professionalism. The concert is free.

Donations are accepted. Cookie Reception to follow in the courtyard.

A new class, Summer Singers and Players, will begin April 29, 2:00-3:30. Meeting in Taylor Fine Arts.

GRIEFSHARE

Mondays from 1-3:30pm in Eisenhower Library.

We offer help and encouragement after the death of a loved one with a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

For confidential support and more information contact Kim Kershaw with questions: 951-515-4002 or KimKershaw@me.com. New 13 week sessions began on February 24th, reservations are encouraged.

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MISSIONS

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MINISTRIES

A primary focus for PDCPC is its participation in Christ-centered missions and we currently support 12 Christian International Missions serving around the world. A world that is hungering for food, water, shelter, safety, medical care, transportation, education and knowledge about the love and power of Jesus Christ.

“Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve.”- Matthew 20:28

These projects are administered by the following dedicated servants of the Lord:

- Africa Inland Mission, South Sudan & Kenya, Jim & Bev Streit
- Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, Colorado, Rev. Dan & Shirley Matsche
- Hands of Luke, Juarez, Mexico & El Paso, TX, Carmen Samaniego
- Horizons International, Headquarters Boulder, CO & Beirut, Lebanon, Georges & Joy Housney
- (Allegro Solutions) The Micah Project, Honduras, John & Rebecca Bell
- MMS Aviation, Missionary Maintenance Services, Headquarters, Coshocton, Ohio – Chuck Egbert
- (Shepherd Staff OCM) Our Call Missions, Uganda – Keith & Lisa Coggins
- Pioneers – EMAF, Brazil, Marcio & Damarius Garcia
- Project Medsend, Headquarters, Stratford CT, Randy Carey

For more information on any of these national and international Missions please contact:

Joe or Joyce Stein at 760-568-3920.

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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The scholarship committee is so grateful for your support! We are a faith based ministry solely on your generous giving. We are not supported through the church budget. Scholarships are available from \$500 - \$3600 depending on funds available and the course of study. As of mid-March we have received \$2175 and expect at least 4 students to request funds for the 2019/2020 school year.

Thanks to your generosity in the past 10 years we have provided 54 students scholarship funds of \$254,000.

Our prayer is that we can continue to support our church family who continue on to higher education, and with your help we can do it! Checks can be made to PDCPC with "college scholarship" in the memo line.

Please contact Stephanie Landes 760 567 6517 or Diana Schlabach 760 345-7112 for more information.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

If you are an active member of PDCPC or have been active in the youth group for a minimum of 2 years you may be eligible for a scholarship award.

Scholarship applications for the 2019/2020 school year are now available and can be picked up in the church office or call to have it sent or emailed.

Applications are due no later than April 19.

MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

Our loft house was prefabricated at our church parking lot in March and will be assembled in Mexico in one day. Though not luxurious by any definition, a loft house gives some basic protection and shelter from the elements. On the weekend of April 12th, a team of 15 people from our church will assemble the loft house, in the area of Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico. Passports or passport cards are required for border crossings. **Contact Gerry Neighbors if you would like to join our team to assemble our loft house in Mexico.**

MISSION PARTNER OLIVE CREST

Thursday, April 4th, 2019 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Classic Club Palm Desert

Coachella Valley Child Abuse Stakeholder Discussion
(Desert Communities)

Join us for an earnest and in-depth dialogue about the current state of child abuse and preventative efforts in the Coachella Valley.

The event is free of charge and open to the general public (but registration is required).

The panel discussion will begin promptly at 3:30 p.m.

Reception/networking opportunity to follow from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

For more information regarding Congregational Ministries (Sanctuary Guild, Carpentry Guild and Craft Ministries) contact Sarah Seils at (760) 409-2385 or Sjfmla111@gmail.com.

CARPENTRY GUILD

The Carpentry Guild is reaching out to Handymen (or women) types to join forces with the coordinator, Fletcher Kolb when any building or repair projects need to be done on the PDCPC Campus. If you are qualified, you know who you are! If ready and willing please make yourself available to Fletcher at 760-564-5904 or fletchkolb@aol.com.

SANCTUARY GUILD EASTER LILIES

Thank you to those who are honoring or remembering their loved ones with the beautiful Easter lilies in the Sanctuary and to the Sanctuary Guild for providing them.

The Sanctuary Guild is looking for new members! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in Eisenhower Library at 2pm. We do things such as set up for communion and restocking the pew cards and offertory envelopes. Plus so much more in the care and keeping of our Sanctuary. Come to the meeting on April 9th to learn more. Contact Margaret Sandelmann for further information at 760-772-3129 or mwsandelmann@att.net

CRAFT MINISTRIES

Both groups meet on Thursdays from 9am-12noon. Mending Hearts in Miller Hall. Pins and Needles in the Family Life Center.

CRAFT MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

PINS AND NEEDLES

A lady in Ohio recently wrote to Pins and Needles to thank us for a dress her young granddaughter received at a baby shower we helped sponsor at 29 Palms Marine Base. So many young families are stationed there and their financial resources are limited. We send them clothing for infants and young children as well as quilts, caps, and stuffed animals. Their thank you notes tell us our gifts are appreciated. We also send lap quilts and knit blankets to the Camp Pendleton hospital unit for Marines in wheelchairs and undergoing therapy.

Stop by our display table. If you sew, knit, or crochet and would like to join us, we meet every Thursday from 9a.m. until noon in room 105 of the Family Life Building. For more information call 760-340-6382 or contact Sarah Seils-sjfmla111@gmail.com.

MENDING HEARTS

Mending Hearts has been an outreach ministry of the church for more than twenty years. Volunteers joyfully create Comfort items which are sent to Christian leaders around the world for distribution to those in their area. We send an average two boxes of Comfort items a month chocked full of quilts, stuffed animals, prayer squares, crocheted scarfs and hats and miscellaneous items to warm the heart—all to different areas of the world. For example, a box has just been sent to Mexico for the Amor ministry. All our creations come from your donations of material and notions. We are now creating the cutest stuffed Easter bunnies for the season. Items are available for sale as a donation to the church. Funds raised helps pay postage when we are unable to courier the items. Thank you for your prayers, donations and support. Join us in the Eisenhower Library each Thursday from 9:00 to noon for coffee and fellowship. Maureen

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COLUMBARIUM MINISTRY

Have you made arrangements for when you or your loved ones are at the end of life? Many of us plan for the big events in our lives such as buying a new house or car, saving for vacation, etc., but we leave the planning and decisions to someone else about our death. Do your children know what your wishes are and how to deal with the many details that are involved? Most of the details can be arranged in advance if you purchase a Niche in the Columbarium.

Our Columbarium is located in the garden at the first sidewalk outside of the westside entrance of the Sanctuary. The Columbarium is a serene and welcoming place for family members and their loved ones, It contains 162 niches. Each individual niche is capable of holding one or two urns.. These niches include a bronze plaque and perpetual care. You can take care of the last details by just making a telephone call. It is a fast and simple process involving a two page contract, a page of information, and payment.

If you are interested in more information, please call Jackie Lockington, Columbarium Chair, at 562-884-6714

closing the loop

Volunteers are needed May 3rd to assemble the Loop for distribution. Meet at 9am in Eisenhower Library.

Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, April 22nd.

financials

SESSION FINANCIAL REPORTS

February 2019

Church (Period 1)

Month

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income	\$125,534	\$134,979	\$9,445
Expenditures	\$121,075	\$124,178	(\$3,103)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,459	10,801	\$6,342

Year-to-Date

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income	\$258,843	\$248,463	(\$10,380)
Expenditures	\$246,096	\$248,085	(\$1,989)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$12,747	\$378	(\$12,369)

Annual


Budget % of AB

Income	\$1,613,292	15.40%
Expenditures	\$1,613,292	15.38%

If you have any questions feel free to contact Marshall Jackman, Executive Director of Operations, or Joe Hinman, Treasurer.



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